AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please add the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/969,343, filed on October 1, 2001, and now U.S. Patent No. which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 15 in its entirety with the following amended paragraph:

With continued reference to FIG. 6, the voice module circuitry 122 includes a power supply 128 which may be DC batteries or other such power source known in the art. In one embodiment, the power supply consists of four DC batteries in series (stacked). The batteries are held in position and positive and negative electrical contact made across them through the use of a beryllium copper battery clip 138. Aside from the switch 126 being in circuit between the power supply and the chip 124 in order to conserve power when the voice module is not in use, the circuitry is also equipped with a timing device 136, connected between the power supply and the chip in order, when the circuit is open ~~complete~~, to regulate power draw while the voice module is idle, particularly after the voice module memory has received a voice message and is still connected to the recorder-imprinter 21 through the interface port 50. The timing device thus works in concert with the switch to maximize the life of the power supply. Finally, the voice module circuitry includes film or carbon resistors: resistor 140 in circuit between the switch and the chip and resistor 142 in circuit between a contact plate 134 and both the switch and the chip.